

ANNAPOLIS, *August 11, 1768.*

WHEREAS my Son, ROBERT, through Folly, bad Conduct, and Extravagance, hath run through all that I have given to him, to a very considerable Amount, and hath become indebted to a Number of Persons, to the Amount of Two Hundred and Thirty Pounds, or thereabouts, by Computation, which he is entirely unable to pay; and, although I did promise and agree, that I would pay his several Creditors, agreeable to a List of his Debts, due to them, delivered to me sometime about the First of *July* last, or whatever should appear then to be justly due to them, provided they would agree, and give from under their Hands, respectively, that they would wait for their respective Claims, Two Years, and that without Interest; and, whereas some of his Creditors, have expressly and generously agreed to, and complied with this Requisition, others have altogether refused to sign on these Conditions; and some have evasively signed, as I am apprehensive to make use of some secret Advantage against me; but, my only Motive, at this Time, being, to release him from Incumbrances, and give him an Opportunity (if he will) to apply himself to Industry: This is to give Notice, to all concerned, to bring in their several Accounts, Bonds and Notes, to me, within Two Weeks from the Date hereof, that they may be settled, agreeable to my first Proposal; and those who neglect the same, may depend upon being excluded from the Benefit of my said Proposal; nor need any Person expect that I will lay myself under any further Obligation for him, who has not acted in the Character of a Son to me, nor will I ever pay any Debt of his contracting, (or any Ways make myself liable to pay any Thing on his Account) after the First Day of *July* last, let the Consequence to him be what it will. I expect those who have Bonds, and Notes, will give me an Account, respectively, wherefore such Note, or Bond, became due to them, as well as of the Particulars, for which Balances arise, on open Accounts against him. I would also notify, that I shall not oblige myself to pay any of the Creditors of my said Son, if they do not all comply with the Proposals above-mentioned.

WILLIAM REYNOLDS.